

LANDMARKS and HISTORIC DISTRICTS BOARD

Meeting Minutes November 18, 2014

Town Council Conference Room, Second Floor

Southampton Town Hall, 116 Hampton Road, Southampton, NY 11968

Board Members Present: Sally Spanburgh, Susan Sherry Clark, Stephanie Davis, Nancy Mullen, Ed Wesnofske, Janice Jay Young

Absent: Sheila Comparetto

Liaisons: David Wilcox, Planning Director; Janet Johnson – Administrative Support

Guest:

- Julie Burmeister, Bridgehampton CAC
- Sarah Pleat, Sea TV and potential LHDB candidate for Hampton Bays
- Ralph Rastu – Builder/representative for 33 Norris Lane, Bridgehampton

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The October LHDB minutes were approved with a few spelling corrections.

DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

33 Norris Lane, Bridgehampton – Member Wesnofske circulated a historic summary of the property to LHDB members prior to the meeting. Member Spanburgh noted that the application was brief but thorough. This property was identified in the Historic Resource Survey and the Bridgehampton Hamlet Heritage Area Report, is situated among other similar Four Square type houses, and would contribute to the potential of a downtown Bridgehampton historic district. Guest Ralph Rastu stated that a demolition application was presented to the LHDB in 2012, but Members Spanburgh and Davis confirmed there was no record of a demolition application submitted to or reviewed by the LHDB. The LHDB reached consensus to object to the demolition permit application recommending that the structure be renovated and enlarged instead of being demolished.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT APPLICATION

57 Big Fresh Pond Road, North Sea – Member Spanburgh described the property/structure and noted that it has not been previously identified in any historic inventories, nor does it appear to retain a high level of historic integrity. The LHDB reached consensus to not object to the construction permit application.

207 Flanders Road, Riverside – Members Spanburgh and Young described the structure and property and noted that it was recognized in the Riverside Hamlet Study as a historic resource. The proposed expansion is to the side and rear of the existing church building and has been designed by Chaleff & Rogers Architects. Member Wesnofske suggested having the new exterior of the structure be compatible or resemble the old exterior which is a recommendation described in the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

The LHDB reached consensus not to object to the construction permit application and is pleased that owner is renovating instead of demolishing.

REFERRALS - No referrals at this time.

PENDING LANDMARK APPLICATIONS

1. Nathaniel Fanning House, 1372 Flanders Road, HB – Began research last week; owner appears interested in Easement and Maintenance Programs also.

2. MacVeady House, 53 North Road, HB – In process.

3. Dunbar Home, 17 Huntington Lane, FI – Member Spanburgh finished deed research. Appointment being made to photograph building exteriors and property.

4. Camp Tekakwitha (Girl Scout Camp), Red Creek Road, HB – Waiting on direction from Town.

5. Tupper Boathouse, 1976 North Sea Road, NS – In process.

OTHER MATTERS

1. Demolition & Construction List update – As per Member Clark, renovations to The Bridgehampton Club at 301 Ocean Road, Bridgehampton, should have been referred to the LHDB, by code, for review but was not before work was permitted and undertaken.

2. Discussion of Town's 375th Anniversary plans – Member Spanburgh circulated a list with the status of which areas of the documentary have been filmed and which are outstanding. As per guest Sarah Pleat, a lot has been accomplished in putting together the documentary of each hamlet/unique area of the Town. Member Spanburgh and Sarah shared details of what they have accomplished so far. Member Clark suggested having a screening of the documentary as part of the related 375th celebration activities, before it is aired on SEA-TV and potentially offered for sale on DVD.

3. ZBA/PB/ARB/CB Pending Applications –

- 90 Wild Goose Lane, BH is in front of the ZBA for a variance. The application has been adjourned. The ZBA has requested a site plan.
- 153 Old Country Rd, Speonk was referred to LHDB in September 2014 by the Planning Board but was not received. Application involves demolition of existing structure. LHDB reviewed demolition of structure in Feb. 2008 and had no objection.

4. Update on Zoning Code related to Carriage Houses (330-167(J)) – The code amendment was unanimously approved by the Town Board on October 28. Member Spanburgh sent thanks to all members of the public who attended the Public Hearing in support of the proposed amendment.

5. Conscience Point Marina Building (Tupper Boathouse) update – There was a meeting held on November 6. The Town has still not yet received official correspondence regarding the grant from the state. The cost for a temporary site sign with information about the restoration project and the property's history was determined. The RFP for the stabilization of the building is being prepared.

6. Canoe Place Chapel, HB – relocation update – Inclement weather delayed the building's move. A new move date is unknown.

7. Update of LHDB Web Pages, Historic Resources Map and Archives – LHDB property histories relative to demolition/alteration reviews have not been uploaded to MaxxCloud since October 2012. The Town Clerk offered space on their portion of the Town website for that use; Member Spanburgh gave Sundry a CD with reports (involving in depth review) to be uploaded. Member Clark gave GIS corrections relative to "Points of Interest" for the Historic Resources Map. A landmark application was given to GIS for uploading. Member Clark will talk to Colleen about adding present and past news releases onto the Town website. A new press release was discussed to help promote the Historic Resources Map as a reference to the public.

8. Ellis Squires House – preservation easement document discussion – LHDB members need more time for comment, therefore this item was adjourned to the next meeting.

9. Proposed Amendment to 330-320, LHDB Duties – Member Spanburgh circulated a revised draft of the proposed amendment to LHDB members prior to the meeting that incorporated comments previously received. LHDB members need more time to review, therefore this item was adjourned to the next meeting.

10. Inventory of Town Bridges – The LHDB have taken photos of bridges in Sagaponack, Shinnecock Hills, Hampton Bays, and East Quogue. Member Clark gave Member Spanburgh a cd with Water Mill photos during the meeting. Member Spanburgh noted she has begun a draft document for the inventory that can be amended as it progresses.

11. Discussion of Fordham Mill – Outreach to community members is pending.

12. Maintenance Program – The LHDB received two applications as follows:

- **556 Montauk Hwy, EQ (Foster Downs House)** – Requesting to have home re-painted, including siding, front porch floor, and trimwork.
- **84 Montauk Hwy, Water Mill (Benjamin Foster House)** – Requesting to have shingle re-siding done on all but southern building exposures.

The LHDB discussed the process of the Maintenance Program. Award recipients will be notified by mail in January 2015.

13. Sandy Grants for Historic Properties –Member Spanburgh forwarded an e-mail from Deputy Supervisor Zappone stating that the state was going to re-offer Sandy grant money toward municipally owned historic structures. GIS put a list together of town owned properties for LHDB use. LHDB members need to review the list for potential award eligible properties in their respective geographic areas.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The LHDB discussed the LHDB monthly meeting dates for 2015. There were no proposed changes.

2. Member Spanburgh announced that she will be resigning as Chairperson and a member of the LHDB as of December 31, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Janet Johnson; edited by Sally Spanburgh.